

First Flights Bring Cachets

Brazil Honors Gifted Engineer

Several categories of topicalists should be pleased with the newest of Brazilian issues. It is a 1.20Cr red brown honoring one of the nation's outstanding engineers on the 100th anniversary of his birth.



He is Aarao Reis born in Belem, the capital of the state of Para. The first day of issue was May 8.

Besides being an engineer Reis was also a teacher, author and politician, qualifying for the latter by representing his native state as a deputy for three different terms in the national assembly.

His early education was gotten at Belem and Recife—graduation as a bachelor in mathematical science, physical science and civil engineering was from the old "Escola Central", and the Polytechnic School.

His teaching career was marked with brilliant success as was his public one. In the latter he served as chief engineer in the electrification of the Dom Pedro II Railway; Director of Civil and Hydraulic Works of the Naval Department; director and chief engineer of the Pernambuco railroads; and general director of the Department of Public Works.

One of his projects is depicted on the stamp, the laying out and planning of the building of the town of Belo Horizonte as capital of the state of Minas Gerais.

Manoel F. da Motta of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil who supplied the news above advises that Reis also served as a director of the Post Office Department.

As an added fillip for the autograph on stamps fans, this one has a reproduction of Reis'.

Colorful Flower Stamps From Macao

More flowers on stamps are available to topicalists and others with the release by Portugal's colony of Macao of such a series of ten. A total of 150,000 sets are possible governed by the announced quantity of the 5 Patacas denomination.

Values, designs and colors are: 1 cent, Firecracker flower, brick red, light yellow and green; 3c, Myosotis (forget-me-not), olive green and violet; 5c Dragon Claw, brown, brown red and olive green; 10c Nun flower, blue green, green and rose violet; 16c Narcissus, light brown, yellow and green; 30c Peach flower, dark green, lilac and brown; 39c Lotus, blue, yellow green and light gray; 1 Pataca, Chrysanthemum, violet, yellow and green; 3P, Cherry Blossom, gray, rose and sepi; 5P, Tangerine Blossom, crimson, yellow and green.

According to the Rev. Michael J. O'Connor of Tien Chung, Formosa the largest quantity printed will be for the 10c, eight million.

Aviation Stamp Artists Named

The Post Office Department announced that the design for the 50th Anniversary of Powered Flight commem., released at Dayton, Ohio May 29, was designed by Victory S. McCloskey, Jr.

Matthew D. Fenton engraved the vignette; John S. Edmonson the outline frame, lettering and numerals.

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MILWAUKEE BOYS AND THEIR STAMPS. Jerome Husak, executive secretary of the American Topical Association has been busy with juniors of his home town in the organization of three stamp clubs. Some assistance has been given by the Recreation Department of the Public Schools which has gone on record as to the value of stamp collecting to school children. The boys, unidentified, provide an array of expressions applicable to their stamping which, from left to right, might be termed "Studiousness", "Pleasure", "Curiosity" and "Indecision". —Milwaukee Journal Photo

Stamp Exhibition, Or Stamp Show?

Clarence Swanson

It felt good to get out into the open air again! I had just visited a philatelic exhibition typical of so many and I had the feeling that I had been through a museum or an art gallery viewing a lot of "dead stuff." You know how often the average person visits a museum or art gallery and the relatively small percentage of people interested in that type of exhibition.

With the exception of one or two small displays of a topical nature the exhibition was dominated by the usual small number of the blue-bloods of philately exhibiting their studies of such items as postal history, postal markings, paper and the 19th century inanimate issues.

The only collectors who care for this type of material are the relatively few in the same field. The few thousand collectors and laymen who visited the exhibition which is small for a city that boasts a population of around five million seemed more interested in the bourse than the frames.

Judging from their appearance all walks of life were represented from the banker to the school boy many carrying catalogues, check lists or albums going from table to table seeking the items they desired.

Why does a stamp club put on an exhibition and invite collectors and laymen? The first reason is to promote the hobby and to interest non-members in joining their organization. The second reason should be to entertain the visiting collectors and guests and the competitive exhibition would probably rank third on the list.

Why do dealers purchase bourse tables and advertise in the programs? That is simple, to sell their wares, of course. They know that the majority of people use the exhibition as an excuse to attend the bourse and seek bargains as well as elusive material.

A hobby is a person's entertainment and in my opinion most people who attend a philatelic show do so to be entertained and they are more apt to be entertained by looking at colorful 20th century issues which they can acquire and not by looking at the "dead stuff" which very few can even hope to own. The layman is more apt to be converted to philately by viewing topical collections than any other display.

I called this a typical exhibition. The adverse criticism of this exhibition is true of so many others throughout the United States. So

many of them are dominated by a small group of bluebloods who have the funds to purchase the classical material and in many cases to pay a professional to write them up.

It is no crime to have money but it is a moral crime to stifle real competition.

The clubs too are at fault for they could do a lot to remedy the situation and a bit later in this article I offer a suggestion that would help.

In the past few years a revolution has gradually been taking place in stamp exhibitions. Some of the young reactionary element are beginning to assert themselves with growing momentum. Lest we forget, nearly everyone with a new idea is classed as unstable or a reactionary at first but our nation has progressed because people have been dissatisfied and took it upon themselves to DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!

The revolution started around six or seven years ago when a publicity minded promoter named A. August Tiger sold a relatively small group of stamp dealers on putting on a Philatelic Jamboree in New York. This show and bourse was such a success that packets of stamps had to be given away to get people to leave so that those waiting could enter. Dealers had to go back to their shops to get more stock for they sold out many items.

The American Stamp Dealers Association was quick to take note so four years ago put on their own show which is now an annual affair getting larger and attracting more people each year. The past show in November was said to have attracted some sixty thousand spectators in three days. (Continued on page 8)

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Helicopter Mail Inaugural For 14 New Jersey Offices; Cachet For Louisiana Start

First flight cover collectors who like to get at least one piece of mail on each inaugural are going to get a lot of action in the next thirteen days. On June 8 there will be fourteen post offices from which cachets can be gotten, all in New Jersey, for the start of a segment of a helicopter route. On June 13 a Louisiana city will have a beginning of airmail service on route AM-98. The following official announcements from the Post Office Department name the cities and routes and the steps to be made to place covers to obtain the cachets.

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Hamina, Finland's 300th Anniversary

On June 20 Finland will release a 25. markka commemorative to publicize the 300th anniversary of the founding of the city of Hamina (Fredrikshamn). A total of two



million copies are to be produced from engraved plates.

Signe Hammarsten-Jansson, the nation's foremost stamp designer, conceived the art work. B. Ekholm performed the engraving.

Australian Stamp Design Identified

According to the Australian Stamp Monthly of March one of the designs of the three "Produce Food" stamps of recent release has been identified. It is that showing the harvesting of wheat.

The picture was adapted from a photograph which appeared in the "Sunshine Review," house organ of H. V. McKay-Massey Harries Pty. Ltd. of Australia. Staff photographer Lindsay Affleck snapped.

Shown in the scene are a Model 25 Tractor and 12 ft. No. 2 Sunshine Header at work on the farm of L. H. Smith at Dimboola, Victoria.

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Comments On Canadian Stamps, Past And Present

Lorne W. Bentham

If you will remember in my last column, May 4, there was a discussion of the reaction given to my proposal to have some of the Canadian stamps printed in Switzerland. The suggestion was prompted by the fact that the engravers of the five new regulars and of the Coronation single produced a poor looking portrait of Queen Elizabeth in the design.

Some readers of this proposal in my column in the Ottawa Evening Journal were aghast that such business should be awarded outside the British Empire. The labor unions claimed the same kind of rotogravure performed by the Swiss could be done in Canada. I stated the facilities for such printing was not at hand.

As I have pointed out previously here, I was of the opinion that since other countries, such as India and Turkey had some of their commemorative stamps printed by Switzerland and they were very appealing to the eye, then why not could Canada give it a trial? And not only that, the Swiss postal officials usually produced their own stamps with such attractive colors incorporated into a well-knit design.

While the Canadians have good designs, I really believe that most of their recent stamps, especially the commemoratives, are being "murdered" through the colors the officials are selecting.

In fact, I am of the opinion that if they did give Switzerland a chance to print Canadian commemoratives, the results would be amazing.

Another interesting fact that I brought out in this Evening Journal column was this: Switzerland had the monopoly on the patent of this machine and wouldn't release it to any other country.

Well, I decided to let the subject die of a natural death, until L. J. Mills, Financial Superintendent, who supervises the operation of the Post Office Department's philatelic agency in Ottawa, addressed one of the annual conventions of the British North American Philatelic Society in Buffalo, N. Y.

He more or less confirmed what I had said in my column: that the Canadian Post Office Department did not have access to a machine in Canada that could do it equally to the Swiss officials. Incidentally, his address was incorporated into the "Postmark," official publication of the Canadian Post Office Department.

So, all this comment, adds up to one thought. Why don't the Canadian Post Office Department officials give an order to Switzerland to print some of the commemoratives under the rotogravure methods, when they are having so much difficulty in producing a stamp that will do justice to Her Majesty as well as showing some resemblance?

And what is your opinion on this subject?

This is all for now until next time when I will be back with some more comments — and wishing everyone good luck and good collecting!

Well, Canada at last changed its theme for the commemoratives it is issuing. Till now, commemoratives have only been issued for some national historical occasion.

On April 1 the Canadian Post Office Department issued a series of three stamps known as Wildlife commemoratives. These special stamps were released to coincide as nearly as possible with National Wildlife Week in Canada.

According to the official press release, the reason given for this change of policy was to stress the importance of wildlife resources in Canada, though it is being depleted at an alarming rate because of a lack of appreciation.

It is the Department's hope that the wildlife series of postage stamps will emphasize to all Canadians the importance of securing and restoring the wildlife resources of Canada, not only for their considerable economic value but also because they are a constant source of pleasure to thousands in every walk of life," so says the Department's release.

The 2c denomination displayed a Polar Bear, while the 3c value depicts a Moose and last, but not least, the 4c denomination shows a Bighorn Sheep.

While I am on the subject of this new issue, I thought that I would add something about the Department's cover service fee, which is only five cents. While this amount may not be much, it is, nevertheless a fee, which I believe could be done away with altogether.

Let's take the United States Post Office Department as a comparison. The US P. O. Department authorities never have charged a fee for servicing first-day covers.

In fact, they (the US post office



Kenneth M. Gierhart
Baltimore, Ohio

NEW BUREAUS.

As reported by Klein Bros. 1 1/2c sheet stamps from Chico, Calif.; Petaluma, Calif.; Aurora, Ill.; Rockville, Md.; Fall River, Mass.; Reno, Nev.; South Orange, N. J. and Fostoria, Ohio.

1 1/2c coils from Gary, Ind., and Paw Paw, Mich. 1c and 1 1/2c coil from Austin, Texas, with TEXAS spelled in full. South Orange and Paw Paw are new Bureau using towns.

WEST CARROLLTON, OHIO

A new type from this place that apparently has been in use for some time is the U-121n type. Seen on the 1c and 2c Presidents. This will be Type 2.

BULLETINS

The May issue of the BUCKEYE was mailed from Columbus Grove, Ohio. A copy of this issue (without the precancel) will be sent upon request, for return postage. The SCPC bulletin of the Southern California Club was mailed with some very interesting precancels this month. 1/2c values in Typewriter type, evidently the product of a mimeograph. Contact Carl T. Burose 3844 W. 135th St., Hawthorne, Calif. for a copy of the SCPC bulletin. For a copy of the Buckeye contact editor of this column.

Stamps Publicize Anti-TB Endeavors

Four anti-Tuberculosis commemorative stamps will be issued in Italian-mandated Somaliland, according to P. Ostrow, Elizabeth, N. J.

The four consist of a 5c, 25c and 50c for ordinary postage use and a 20S. airmail stamp. The design, common to all values, will be a Somali mother and child. The printing is being done by the Italian State Printing office in Rome.

Death Calls Prominent Florida Collector

One of Florida's most prominent collectors, Walter W. Hopkinson, died May 8 at Clearwater. He was 71 years old.

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Fakers at one time bought up badly thinned copies cheaply, doctored them up, affixed them to piece of cover, commonly with an anchor naval cancellation, and peddled them as Al copies.

One can still find copies of the 1902 3pf Dfutsches Reich Germany error in old mixtures, old collections and wholesale lots of that issue. Since they bring \$1 to \$2 a copy according to condition, they are worth keeping ones eyes open for.

Recently ran across the 1920 report of the Auditor-General of the Union of South Africa which contains the interesting information that some 17 million obsolete state issues and Union Commemoratives had recently been incinerated. The latter accounted for nearly 15 million of the total — no wonder that it is so scarce, for less than 20 million of them were printed!

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Santiago Porcella of Box 593, Cranford, N. J. has for years been the chief source of supply for Dominican Republic stamps.

Collectors in warm and hot areas are much troubled by mold, fungus growths, moisture hazards, etc. and commonly are interested only in used stamps for that reason. Dealers supplying them with mint copies where these are wanted protect them by using talcum powder.

Zola Products, 1590 Northwest 27th Ave., Miami 35, Fla. has just marketed an odorless, tasteless, non toxic powder which comes supplied in a 4-ounce container with a refillable applicator and sells at \$1 postpaid.

D. E. Dorfman, who supplied many collectors with German tete-beches and se-tenants while in military service overseas, has returned home bringing a huge stock of such items with him. His address — 1214 Pierce St., Sioux City, Iowa.

Donald A. Howe, the New England wholesaler, has joined the trek to sunnier climes and is now located in Winter Haven, Florida. If I were asked the most striking facts bearing on the stamp trade here in the USA in the past few years I would say,

1) the elimination of the "easy money" boys who saw a chance to clean up big in the lush days of the war and immediately after when anything even faintly resembling a stamp could be sold at a fat profit,

2) the departure of many dealers from the hectic life of high-rent districts in large urban centers for the more rational life of small towns where rents are far lower and where the paucity of callers wanting an hour's talk while buying a 15c packet of hinges enables one to attend to his mail order trade promptly and in decent fashion,

3) the exit of dealers from the wintry blasts of the North for the balmy climate of the Gulf country, the Southwest and Southern California.

After all one lives but once and airmail today places you within close reach of any customer, no matter where you and he live.

"Lava," 520 Audubon Avenue, New York (33), operates an Air Post Stationery New Issue service.

The high-value Australian "Specimen" stamps encountered on every hand come from the collections of recent and current issues sold by the Australian Post Office Department. The other items are all cancelled-to-order. The first £2 1913 issue was handstamped "Specimen" in black script type and is scarce; the printed varieties sold since are all common.

Many of the 5 franc lilac rectangular French Napoleon stamps have overseas cancellations and command a premium. Thus, a copy with the French Postal Agency in Shanghai cancellation will bring as much as \$50 whereas the French

use. Such "interprovincial covers" as they are known are almost 100 per cent collector made, but are interesting and still fairly cheap, so most stamp fans get hold of a few of them sooner or later.

The big blaze the official refers to wiped out post office stocks and pretty well ended such philatelic horseplay since collectors began to go easy when the state issues were no longer available over the counter at face. It is really amazing

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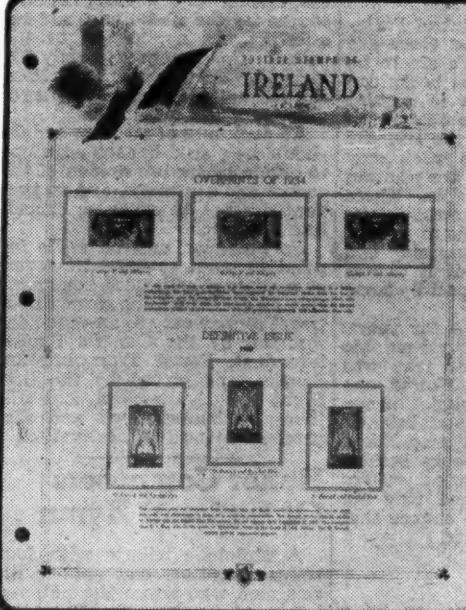
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Learn About Your Stamps

If you choose to be a doctor or a lawyer or an engineer, you
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vital facts about stamp designing, stamp
printing, paper, perforation, etc. and then
study the available stamps in search of
anything that will be of interest on the
subject.

In this issue of the Weekly there is an advertisement of Philatelic Literature. We all should appreciate the fact that there are still a few men who know and value our literature. We are to be congratulated that there are places where certain desired books can be found. The real Philatelist will make every effort to acquire such books on subjects he may be interested in. In the offering in this advertisement you may or may not find books on the subjects you want, but the dealer who makes his offering this week may have just what you want. Look up this offer and if you are wanting something in this line write him and see if it is available. There are thousands of small pamphlets on hundreds of different subjects and frequently you can find something that is of real value to you.

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you may find just the papers or books you are looking for.

Here Is The Champ

A few weeks ago we referred to "Howey in the Hills, Florida,"
as a most unusual cancellation, one in which four words made up
the name of the town. We thought it was rather unusual but since
that date we have been advised of several other towns which boasted
four word names.Now we find something that beats them all. It is not from
the United States but from Canada and were it from any other
country we would perhaps skip it and forget the matter, but so
many of our people are also interested in Canada that we feel the
town merits recognition, just as much as though it might be from
the United States.But is this a town. The cancel in question is "EAST SIDE OF
RAGGED ISLAND, N. S., Canada." This apparently takes in a lot
of territory. We do not know how big Ragged Island is but pre-
sume it must cover quite a bit of ground. Anyhow it is a most un-
usual cancellation. It appears that there may be a post office on
the East Side of this Island and that all mail for that particular
side of the island must go to a post office which merely bears the
name of the east side of the island. So there you are, if you want
an unusual cancel hop to it. We doubt if anyone will ever come
up with a six word name and have therefore conceded that this
one is "The Champ." Our thanks to David A. Crowley, Sr. of
Elizabeth, N. J., for this one.

The Eternal Problem

There is one problem that is always with the stamp collector
and whether you have ever pondered it seriously or not, it is in
fact your biggest problem if you are very much of a collector.This problem is the question of albums. Since the number of
stamps to collect has increased many fold since the turn of the
century, the problem has become a gigantic one for those who still
continue to collect just about everything that comes along. It has
also become a gigantic problem for the publishers of illustrated
albums.We have this question put to us many times in the course of a
year. "What do you recommend as the best album for all around
use?" A collector in Connecticut recently enumerated several faults
he found with the printed album he was using. Among these faults
were . . . "I find the binders cheaply constructed and they hurt
my fingers when I try to manipulate the mechanism to open them."
"The paper is of poor grade." "I have a tremendous number of
commoner stamps for which no spaces are provided." "The albums
are neither chronological or alphabetical." "The question . . . What
in your opinion is the best album to use for my collection?"I solved this problem for myself twenty or thirty years ago. I
use a ring binder album with quadrilled pages. The binder is
preferably one with booster openers so that they do not hurt one's
fingers, although a cheaper binder is not too destructive to the fingers
if regularly used for one does not have to open them often. The
next point is that the albums are quite inexpensive alongside most
other types. The average man can not afford to pay from \$8 to \$15
or even more for fancy albums which have but fifty pages. For
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Special cachets will be provided for Milwaukee and Ashland and the usual treatment of philatelic mail will be authorized.

First flight air mail covers sent to the postmasters at these offices must be prepaid at the appropriate air mail postage rates. Double postal cards and double post cards intended for return reply purposes are not acceptable as first flight covers. All covers should be accompanied by a letter authorizing the holding of the covers for the first flight and requesting the application of the cachet. Space approximately 2½ inches by 2½ inches to the left on the address side of all covers is required for the cachet.

An enclosure of medium weight should be placed in each envelope to obtain better impression of the cachet and postmark, and to prevent damage to cover or canceling machine.

No provision will be made for point to point covers. However, at request of collectors, covers receiving cachet will be given directional service only to an office designated by the General Superintendent, Postal Transportation Service, and served by the first flight in each direction, and will there be backstamped and dispatched onward to destination.

Honor Composers
Of National Hymn

A philatelic tribute with four commemoratives was paid to the two men who wrote the national hymn of Guatemala. They are Rafael Alvares Ovales and J. Joaquin Palma.

The design was common to all and carried portraits of the two men. Denominations and colors are ½c violet and gray; 1c green and red brown; 2c red brown and green; 3c blue and brown.

According to a first day cover from Romeo J. Routhier, Laconia, N. H., the first day of issue was May 13.

Camnitzer Elected
President Of G. P. S.

New officers were elected by chapter one of the Germany Philatelic Society of New York City. Dr. George Camnitzer was chosen president; Anthony Herbert vice president; and H. Harold Wenck secretary-treasurer.

Meetings are always open to interested collectors and are held at the Collectors Club, 22 E. 35th St. on the third Tuesdays at 8:15 p. m.

pages if they must be had are inexpensive alongside the higher priced albums. One has little or no difficulty about the ring holes tearing out if properly used. Never put too many pages in one binder, not so many that the pages will snag against one another at the ring edge when pages are turned. Never hold the album in your lap and turn the pages. Lay it on a flat surface and be careful with it and you will not have trouble.

With such an album you can get from 50 to 75 or more pages in each binder. You can group your countries as you choose, frequently using one or more binders for a single country.

Let us just estimate that you eventually acquire 25 binders which will hold 50 pages each. That makes 1250 pages. Let us estimate that each page will hold an average of 20 stamps. Some more some less but an average of 20. That gives you room for 25,000 stamps. Many collectors have this many, many have more. It is easy to estimate how many albums you might acquire for a collection of any size, but bear this in mind . . . Once this type of collection is started it is thoroughly flexible for the addition of more pages, other countries or just about anything you want to do with it. You always have space for anything you want to add to the collection and you are your own judge as to what and how you collect.

The album problem is one that is thrust on every collector at some time or other. I speak from experience, I have used ring binders for many years and I feel that they are the answer to the question for the collector who has an abundance of stamps that he wants to keep in albums.

Fresh Air Fund
Auction Raises \$3500

Philatelists from as far afield as Hamburg, Germany, bid \$3,507 on May 13, for stamps and other philatelic items donated by some of the world's most noted collectors and auctioned at the Hotel Astor for the benefit of the Herald Tribune Fresh Air Fund.

The auction, which set an international record in the number of celebrities who contributed items from their own collections for a single sale, was an unqualified philatelic success, for it attracted some of the avocation's most active personalities.

Bernard Harmer, of H. R. Harmer, Inc., and Gordon Harmer, of Harmer, Cooke & Co., Inc., served as auctioneers while Allan Jackson, noted CBS and CBS-TV Newscaster and a collector, was master of ceremonies. Among the speakers were Frederick H. Lewis, Executive Director of the Herald Tribune Fresh Air Fund, who acknowledged philately's philanthropy in assisting the fund to send many underprivileged city youngsters to summer vacations as a result of the proceeds from this unprecedented sale.

He also presented a Fresh Air Fund Citation to Ernest Kehr, who conceived the sale and personally solicited the outstanding material by correspondence with his friends in all parts of the world.

Asks For Information
On Pitcairn Island

Frank F. Reilly, 108 Grove St., Hempstead, L. I., N. Y. is desirous of establishing correspondence with anyone interested in Pitcairn Island and its history.

Mr. Reilly is the man responsible for the splendid story by postmaster Roy P. Clark, "Mail Day On Pitcairn" which appeared on page one of the May 18 edition. He has had quite a bit of information from Mr. Clark and other islanders but is sure there is much more to be gotten on the subject.

Welcome Visitor From
Washington State

A subscriber from the far west, Lester Wickliffe of Pullman, Wash., was a recent visitor to our offices. Mr. and Mrs. Wickliffe were on a "see the nation" tour which had taken them through a number of the southern and southwestern states. They will return by the northern route.

Mr. Wickliffe has a fine collection of used United States plus a collection of matched position plate blocks which goes back many years.

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The three types are: (1) R.P.O. Buses or Railroad H.P.O.'s, sometimes incorrectly called "R.P.O.-H.P.O.'s" (which is something entirely different); (2) true, jointly-operated R.P.O.-H.P.O.'s in the correct sense; and (3) contract-operated H.P.O.'s run by a railroad company subsidiary.

There is only one H.P.O. of this third type, the Union & Mobile in Alabama and Mississippi; founded in September 1946 as our first postwar and first contract H.P.O. (and the longest to that date), it is operated by the G.M. & O. Ry.'s Gulf Transport Co. to replace former R.P.O. and closed-pouch rail service. It is a standard H.P.O. route, mapped out by the government under the laws authorizing H.P.O. service, but under contract.

Therefore, our attention here will now be devoted entirely to Types (1) and (2). The R.P.O. Buses or Railroad H.P.O.'s are not recognized as H.P.O.'s by the Post Office Department and are not operated by authorization of the H.P.O. laws mentioned, but rather by authorization of the Comptroller General in a special ruling issued in 1951—ten years later!

The ruling permits railroads operating a money-losing R.P.O.-passenger train to transfer the service to a highway bus under certain circumstances—clerks, mails, postmarker and all. First company to take advantage of the act was this same railroad, the G.M. & O., and its subsidiary which already was operating the Union & Mobile. It is a quick surprise move without notice to collectors, the company removed two local trains from the Jackson & Mobile R.P.O., running to Meridian, Miss., only, and replaced them by a bus on November 11, 1951.

The bus is identical with an H.P.O. inside, but the lettering "Highway Post Office" is not used on these railroad highway-mail buses. No cachet or special ceremony marked the first trip; the postmark was changed only to show "TRIP 1" and "TRIP 2", instead of the former "TR" (for "train").

This type of postmark is now standard for all R.P.O. buses—it reads "R.P.O." (not H.P.O.) and "TRIP" (not TR), thus distinguishing the route from both true rail R.P.O.'s and true Highway Post Offices. The scarce first-day cancels of the Jack. & Mobile route, numbered by Culkin as H.P.O. #94, now sell for \$10.00 a pair on cover!

Eight additional R.P.O. bus routes have followed in quick succession since that day. Second was the Portland & Seaside run in Oregon (#95), where the S.P. & S. Ry. installed a bus on January 14, 1952; it was the first route where all R.P.O. service was placed on buses, and hence was locally designated as an H.P.O. by the P.T.S. officials until "corrected" by Washington.

As with all R.P.O. bus lines, the route is laid out largely by the railroad to parallel the discontinued train; the railway furnishes bus and driver, and the government the clerks. The third route, Chicago & St. Louis Trips

9 and 10, was installed by the Gulf Transportation Co. as #96 (the G.M. & O.'s action again) on February 1 as the first route to have a First Trip cachet—in green, supplied by the Transport Company.

Fourth and fifth were two new Georgia routes, installed by the Central of Ga. Ry. on its former Porterdale & Macon and Athens & Macon R.P.O.'s; both routes were extended north to Gainesville and became the Gaines. & Macon (#102) and Gaines, Athens & Macon (#103) R.P.O. buses. The old R.P.O. cancels were used on the first trip and for weeks afterwards, with not even a "TRIP" slug available. The routes were begun on July 8, 1952 with no cachet furnished for the occasion.

Our sixth R.P.O. bus, established in utmost secrecy, created another furore like the Jack. & Mobile case, with its FD covers likewise selling for \$10 a pair by dealers. It was quickly installed as the Portland & Bend, Oregon, route (#118) on October 16, 1952 by the S.P. & S. Ry.'s Oregon Trunk subsidiary, replacing mixed-train R.P.O. service on the unnamed Wishram-Bend branch of the Spokane, Pasco & Portland R.P.O.; hence the bus used the postmark of the above R.P.O. (Tr. 102 of Oct. 16, Tr. 103 Oct. 17) on the first trip and for weeks afterwards.

No one of any philatelic inclination was present or even knew of the historic occasion; but an alert postal transportation clerk who had been running on the branch trains fortunately mailed quite a few covers the first day which he later disposed of to collectors (as did a postmaster-collector along the Jack. & Mobile route in that case). The last southbound R.P.O. train, incidentally, used the same date and cancel as the first bus; for it left Wishram just after midnight early on October 16, while the bus left late that same evening out of Portland!

This year, after long delay, the D.R.G. & W. R.R. installed a route in Colorado as part of its Denver Pueblo & Grand Jct. R.P.O., #126 (all R.P.O. bus routes bear the title of the parent R.P.O., whether they reach the same termini as the trains or not). This bus runs only from Pueblo to Salida, Colo.; and the railway applied an attractive official cachet in black, although it was unable to do so on the first day in the case of most covers, due to Department restrictions. Cachets are being applied subsequently, and collectors having covers of the First Day (Train 22 of Jan. 4 and Tr. 21 of Jan. 5, 1953) are invited to send them with return postage to J. H. Turner, Box 2040, Denver 1, for official application of cachet.

On January 5, our eighth R.P.O. bus route was also established—the St. Louis & Jackson from Missouri to Tennessee, #127, another G. M. & O. installation; apparently, no cachet was furnished.

Our ninth R.P.O. bus route has not yet been established, but it is to be started imminently. This will be part of the Santa Fe's Kansas City & Albuquerque R.P.O., operating from Dodge City Kansas to Lamar Colorado. Covers for First-Day postmark and cachet should in this case be sent to the Postmasters at Dodge City and Lamar carefully marked for this particular route. This will be one of our most unusual H.P.O.'s—the first one, in fact, that passengers can board and ride! It will be a combination passenger-baggage R.P.O. unit such as often used on local trains; and any H.P.O. enthusiast can buy a ticket to ride it, once it starts its service.

To secure current postmarks of any R.P.O. bus route (or first-trip cancels where no cachet is applied), send covers to "Clerk-in-Charge on Duty, R.P.O. Bus". To secure an attractive green cachet on any first-trip R.P.O. bus or H.P.O. cover which you already have, but on which no cachet was applied, send your covers with 2¢ per cover for servicing plus return postage to Herman Jacot, Weaver Street, Greenwich 17, Conn. This applies to all routes or types of H.P.O.'s; the exact title of route may be neatly lettered in the space provided in the cachet, using green ink.

Our remaining classification of railroad-connected H.P.O.'s are the "joint organizations" of R.P.O. and H.P.O. service combined, using the same title, but composed of both a standard H.P.O. and one or more R.P.O. trains paralleling each other. These are officially called "R.P.O.-H.P.O.'s" by the government, sometimes even using that term in postmarks, and no other type of operation should even be called and R.P.O.-H.P.O. by collectors.

Usually the H.P.O. part of the service, which may be standard

government-operated or contract, uses a standard H.P.O. cancel indistinguishable in any way from other H.P.O.'s. First Trip cancels and cachets differ in no way from normal either, except that in the case of our first such route the train and bus terminate at different points and hence the cancel and cachet do not quite agree as to destination—the Eureka & San Francisco (#14) in California, on which trains run through to Eureka but the H.P.O. only to Willits as stated in the cachet.

This route was the first true R.P.O.-H.P.O. to be established, on July 1, 1948. The second one was the Lexington & Fleming in Kentucky, #46, begun on September 1, 1949; and this is the first one to use a composite cancel, though some of its H.P.O. trips use the plain H.P.O. mark instead. For a long time these two R.P.O.-H.P.O.'s were our only ones; but in the past year or two many more have been established.

The Department has now ruled that where a "joint organization" is composed of an R.P.O. and an H.P.O. which diverge from each other considerably, thus traversing largely different routes, the use of identical titles will be dropped and the title of each part named separately, where destinations differ. Appended below is a check-list of such routes, but in using it, it should be noted that the Lou. & Evans. and Lou. & Lynch routes are now being restored to their original titles (Lou. & Owensboro and Lou. & Harlan) as far as the H.P.O. run is concerned, in conformance with this ruling, although the parallel R.P.O.'s will retain their present titles and will still be "joint" with the H.P.O. in clerks' organization.

Additions to the list below, which may not be quite complete, will be welcomed. The Culkin Catalog number is given first; next the official title; then the actual run of the H.P.O. Bus; name of the railroad operating the R.P.O.; and finally the date of establishment:

14—**Eureka & San Fran.** Willits to San Francisco, Calif.; N.W.Pac. —Jul. 1/48.

29A—**Louisville & Lynch.** Louisville to Harlan, Ky. (ex-Rich. & Lou.); L. & N.—Nov/15/52.

46—**Lex. & Fleming.** Lexington to Flemington, Ky.; L. & N.—Sept/

1/49.
99—**Columbia & Charles.** Columbia to Charleston, S. C.; Southern—July/1/52.

112—**Albany & Bing.** Albany to Binghamton, New York; Del. & Hud.—Sep/27/52.

114—**Ind. & Peoria.** Indianapolis, Ind., to Peoria, Ill.; Big Four—Sep/27/52.

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The other evening the ring of the doorbell brought a pleasant surprise and a pleasant visit in the person of friend William Tyrrell. Bill is the state senator from the third Ohio district around Eaton—he stopped on his way home from the legislative halls at Columbus, the route a little out of the way to be sure, to show me something he had "cooked" up with the cooperation and assistance of his fellow lawmakers, and the elected officials of the state from Gov. Lausche on down.

He is also a stamp and cover collector.

With the announcement of the forthcoming Ohio Sesquicentennial commem Bill got an idea. I suppose like other inspired folks he didn't foresee the big job ahead of him—people with a purpose are seldom bothered with odds anyhow.

He secured a sheet of Gov. Lausche's personal stationery, a sheet of the official stationery of the Supreme Court of Ohio, a sheet of the official stationery of the Ohio House of Representatives, and used a sheet of his own official writing paper.

On each of these near the bottom he affixed a block of four of the Ohio stamp and had it hand-cancelled on the first day at Chillicothe. That was the easy part of the project.

On the Lausche he obtained the signatures of the top elected officials of the state—governor, lieutenant governor, treasurer of state, etc.—that one is shown on this page.

On the Supreme Court he secured the signature of the Chief Justice, the six associate justices and the clerk of court.

The House of Representative stationery bore the signature of the House leaders, majority and minority, the speaker and the clerk of the House.

On his own stationery Bill obtained the signatures of each of his fellow senators, the speaker who is also lieutenant governor, the Senate clerk and of United States senators from Ohio, Robert Taft and John Bricker.

All of these items are tastefully arranged and make a most imposing appearance. There is only one of a kind so don't write senator Bill asking about extras—it was a tremendous job getting just these.

I cite this as an example of what anyone can do if willing to spend the time, money and effort involved. Of course, in this instance, I doubt if few others not located as strategically as Bill, could have swung this particular deal.

But there are other things which can be worked out for practically all stamps. Things created in such a style are the ones which have the historical significance, the championship quality, and the financial worth (if you want to be commercial). They are available at the right place, at the right moment, only once in a lifetime.

There are "stunt" creations submitted for all first days of issue—they look it and stand accordingly. The masterpieces, like Bill Tyrrell's effort, are the gems. They're valuable to collector and non-collector alike.

1. Back in the mid-1700's Gadsby's Tavern was a prominent stopping-off place. A picture of it can be found on what commem?

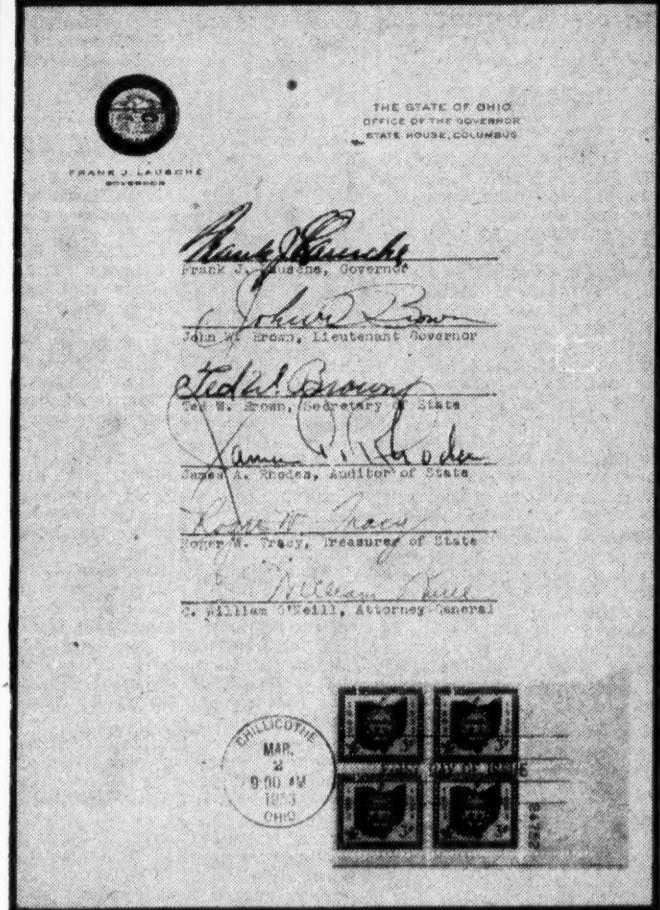
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In the meanwhile, research is going on apace to find the right



kind of "stickum".

An excerpt from the "It's A Good Trick If He Can Do It Department".

In a recent report by Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield was the following:

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Some weeks ago Colliers Magazine pictured some of the colorful labels members of the armed forces are using to frank their mail. Leslie E. Pease of Appleton, Wis., has submitted such a cover for an opinion and wants to know whether such things are legitimate and why.

There seems to be no doubt about legitimacy on the part of the Post Office Department for they pass such items right on through the mails.

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shown herewith, are quite colorful and picturesque. This one of Mr. Pease pictures a tank firing a blast. The FREE is in the smoke and beneath is "SOLDIER'S MAIL".

It is a clever way of adding the FREE to the envelope and quite legitimate. There have been around 30 different recorded to date. A selection of these on cover should be unique.

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Jean Baptiste Donatien de Vimeur COMTE de ROCHAMBEAU — born in France 1725 — died in France 1807. Served in the war of Austrian Succession and the Seven Years' war. As brigadier-general, he commanded the French force which was dispatched to America in 1780 to aid in our Revolutionary war.

Joining Washington's Continental army, the joint forces marched southward and besieged Cornwallis at Yorktown, and with the French fleet preventing escape by sea, they forced Cornwallis to surrender October 19, 1781. Rochambeau returned to France in 1783 and became Marshal of France in 1791.

Center —

GEORGE WASHINGTON—Bossman of the Revolution.

Left —

Francois Joseph Paul COMTE de GRASSE — Born in France 1722 — died in France 1788. French Admiral in command of the fleet in Chesapeake Bay which prevented Cornwallis' escape by the water route. He was later defeated by Britain's Admiral Rodney in the West Indies (1782) and spent the remaining years of his life in writing "Memoire Justificatif" to explain how and why he was defeated. Those Frenchmen — tsk, tsk, —

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ONE of the very small quantity of first day covers which passed through the post office on May 8 bearing the new set of three commemoratives in honor of Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla. Because it was a national holiday the post offices were closed. As a special delivery the cover was handled on the first day. The stamp to the left is not part of the set. The other three are—denominations of 20c, 25c, and 35c were issued.

Mexico's Tribute To "Father Of Independence"

Albert W. Bork

After having been announced for the middle of June, Mexican treasury officials and postal authorities suddenly revealed on May 4 that the three stamps honoring Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla would appear on May 8, the actual bicentennial birthday anniversary. All three stamps bear a portrait of Hidalgo and are on paper bearing a new watermark: MEX MEX and eagle in a circle.

Quantities issued were: 20 centavos, ordinary postage, bright blue and deep brown, five million; 25 centavos, air mail, light gray blue and red brown, two million; 35 centavos, air mail, deep green, two million.

The stamps were distributed quite widely throughout the republic prior to the day of issue and some places outside the capital immediately put them in use, so that copies may be found on covers mailed prior to the official date of issue. Altogether some two thousand first day covers were prepared and cancelled in Mexico City on May 8.

Much complaint resulted from the fact that the post offices were all officially closed on the day of issue and it was with difficulty that first day postmarks were secured.

The general reaction to the issue in Mexico has been that the designs are in poor taste, the production, poor, and it should be added that none of the portraits can be said to resemble what is considered the most authentic portrait of the Mexican patriot. In this last named characteristic, however, the issue is not far different from the others which have born Hidalgo's picture.

To date there has never been proof that any one of the several known portraits is genuine, although the one which appeared on Mexico's first stamp issue (A1) has long been considered "the official portrait" and most closely resembles that which appears in Alaman's history.

Alaman was member of a family long friendly with Hidalgo and knew him personally. He was also no mean hand at sketching. The word-picture which he paints of the hero says:

"He was of medium stature, stoop-shouldered, dark-skinned, with lively green (hazel) eyes, head somewhat bent over his chest, quite gray and bald, as if he were already in the neighborhood of seventy years, but vigorous, although not active nor quick in his movements; of few words in ordinary conversation, but animated in discussions of the academic type, when he entered into the heat of any argument." (Historia de Mexico, Tomo I, Libro II, Cap. 1.)

Perhaps the portrait in his work was also a product of Alaman's pencil in cooperation with some other. At any rate it was the basis for the official portrait as mentioned above. But what of the other portraits?

Among the effigies which have appeared on Mexican stamps to date are the following (Scott catalogue types):

A1 and A3—First known portraits from Alaman's history.

A6—Apochryphal portrait which came into existence during the period of the French intervention and Maximilian's empire.

A8 to A14—Portraits and busts conceived by artists of the period 1872 to 1874, possibly through the utilization of sketches derived from authentic sources.

PT8—and the design of the current 10 pesos air mail (C197) as well as the designs of the new bicentennial series are re-workings of the portrait used on A6.

The portrait used on A6 was also widely used for various revenues in the 19th and early 20th centuries. They are better reproductions of the painting than A6 and represent the idealized Hidalgo. Two other revenues are of 58! The artists were follow-

ing literally Alaman's words.

Such has been the portraiture of Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla on the postage stamps of Mexico. It represents an evolution in the traditions regarding him from that of a man who died a failure and martyr to the ideal for which he stood to a heroic leader of great abilities and outstanding qualities. In spite of his many shortcomings, it can be said that in the social consciousness which was his, lay the real beginnings of the great "struggle for peace and bread" of which historians have written.

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During all the recent clamor for the Exhibition Panes, and some of the other spectacular issues like Byrd etc., Famous Americans have quietly moved upward without too much fanfare. Our current bulletin now carries a Bid of \$340 and Ask \$370 for VF sets of FA sheets, and one has only to look back one year at which time a \$275-\$330 quote prevailed.

This actually represents a substantial comeback, and since the \$275 Bid was just about bottom in the past cycle, naturally very little trading took place then. However there is a much greater interest in the issue again, and the higher prices have induced other sellers to turn loose additional material.

For the past several years most of the low value Famous have been trading at prices considerably below their true worth, and anyone who had the foresight to buy them at levels prevailing until recently, would seem to be in for a decent appreciation before long. Through all this Bell has continued to be a strong issue, and even while the bid for complete sets was only \$275, the individual listing on Bell was quoted in the \$80-\$100 area.

By now the apparent strength of several other 10c FA's can be seen in the performance of Nevin and Riley. For months these sheets were being traded around \$40, but they have already approached the \$50 level, and if history repeats they still have further to go before levelling off.

Addams has been the weak sister in the 10c series, and the quantity available has had a depressing effect for some time. As the large holdings are absorbed and find their way into stronger hands, we should see an improvement in the value of this one too.

Last May we carried a Bid of \$485 (None Ask) on Farleys in complete sets. Granted that limited trading took place, it was only a matter of time till the Bid had improved to the point where most sets would be offered for sale.

By now the current Bid of \$575 represents a good come-back during a twelve month period.

Those buyers who were shrewd enough to submit bids and pick up complete sets of Farleys between the time it fell below \$600 and continued downward to \$485 will soon see their property increase right back to \$600 and on up to the old highs, particularly if the present tenor of the market does not change.

It would be curious to reflect on the amount of money an individual could spend if he set out to buy every complete set of Farleys offered anywhere in the country. We wonder how long it would take to spend, say, \$100,000 in this manner? At least it would be an interesting project.

W. W. Scholl



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All the text is in the French language, but some of the fundamental data such as the first days of issue, the quantity printed, colors and other information is decipherable to one not acquainted with the language.

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The reason for the success? Well, they had a large organization with the financial backing of leading dealers among them the largest in the country who had confidence in each other and their guiding light Peter Keller. The men running the show were merchant-minded and for the most part worked under the idea "all for one and one for all." Honest differences of opinion were compromised.

There were frames of blueblood material on display to delight the most rabid connoisseur and there were frames and frames of stamps of material that the dealers had for sale at their tables. One youngster in looking at a frame pointed to a stamp and was heard to say "I've got that one."

It was encouraging to that youngster to see a stamp he had in his collection on display. Perhaps some day his collection would be on display. I am certain that many other youngsters as well as adults felt the same way. They saw material already in their collections on display and also saw material they desired to buy exhibited by the dealer from whom they could and did purchase.

They were entertained by the colorful red cross issues, semi-postals and pictorials, the kind of stamps dealers offer for sale and that appear on approval sheets, stamps they could afford to own.

The layman found this material of interest as well as topical items and without doubt the hobby gained many new adherents from among them who viewed the show.

Now small local groups are not in a position to put on a show of this magnitude but they can pattern their own shows along the lines of the large successful dealer shows.

To encourage real competition every local club should set up an open category field for their own membership with a set number of frames for each exhibitor in this category.

Except for the large national and international shows eliminate the blueblood exhibitions except by invitation for a Court of Honor or as a highlight. Lower the number of awards so they will really be worth striving for which should increase local competition by the average collector.

I would like to see the A.S.D.A. or some of the national societies have a classification whereby the grand award winners of local shows of the club's own membership would be invited to a competition at the national show.

To back up my statement as to the revolution that is going on in stamp exhibitions I call the reader's attention to the reports of the various shows as they appear in the philatelic press. In some cases you will see the awards going to the blue-bloods but perhaps you have noticed that lately even topical collections are rating Grand Awards—Horrors!

Perhaps some of you larger clubs read with shame the report of the San Jose, California Club Jubilee Show that had over 2,000 frames on display. A special section of frames of the bourse table holders of material they had on display was one of the highlights of the show.

A Junior section was another highlight with such exhibitions as African Natives, Finland semi-postals, Birds, Presidents and Famous Saints. The work of the juniors thrilled and inspired many older collectors. Give the collectors and the layman a show and they will attend in droves and you will also get better support from stamp dealers.

Further inquiries can be directed to this paper by interested dealers.

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1953 CORONATIONS. June 2nd and the London Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II takes place. At the same time, there will be over 100 different stamps released to commemorate this event. The advance sale has been large as all Elizabeth stamps are quite popular.

They may become scarce in a few months and the reverse may happen, as it did in 1937. The George VI coronation stamps were overbought by dealers, bearing in mind the large advance in price of the Jubilee sets. However the demand slackened and dealers, especially in London, found it necessary to convert their surplus 1937 coronation stamps into cash, to obtain funds for other new stamps.

Full sheets were sent to the U. S. for sale at auction and with each new sale, the prices went lower, so that many lots were sold below 50 per cent of face value. This surplus has now been absorbed with prices advancing.

The coming issue will be a headache for most dealers, many of whom did not have (as I did) the experience of breaking up sheets into individual stamps. This results in many torn stamps and with the extra work, leaves little, if any profit. Some dealers will learn that their advance offering of these sets at low prices was a mistake.

RHODES CENTENARY. There has been some misunderstanding about these stamps, due to the many conflicting rumors. The five stamps of Southern Rhodesia were released in April and now it is officially announced that another, different set of five stamps is to be released on May 30 by Northern Rhodesia, with a special 6 pence exhibition stamp also released on the same day.

Also scheduled for release on May 30 is a 6 pence exhibition stamp by Nyasaland, and also by Southern Rhodesia.

GREAT BRITAIN. According to Stamp Collecting (London) the number issued of the one Pound red brown No. 275, was 920,000. This figure reflects the relative scarcity of this stamp compared with other high value Great Britain stamps.

The 10 shillings dark blue (India) stamp No. 251 is priced by Gibbons at 7 Pounds and by Scott at \$20.00 although there were 1,960,000 issued. If this stamp is properly priced in the catalogues, it seems that the Pound stamp No. 275 is under-priced and due for a substantial increase and is a good buy at the present low retail price of \$4.00 to \$5.00.

The Pound Silver Wedding stamp can be bought now at slightly over face, although only 419,628 copies were issued. Based entirely on the number issued, this stamp should eventually be good.

CEYLON. The upward trend in postal rates has created a demand in Ceylon for a 10 Rupee postage stamp and it is expected that one of this value will be issued in the near future.

Meanwhile Ceylon has made its 10 Rupee revenue stamp available for postage. Postally used copies will thus become postage stamps and it is expected that many 10 Rupee fiscally cancelled stamps will be offered to postage stamp collectors, who should be reminded that fiscal stamps are NOT postage stamps unless they bear a postal cancellation.

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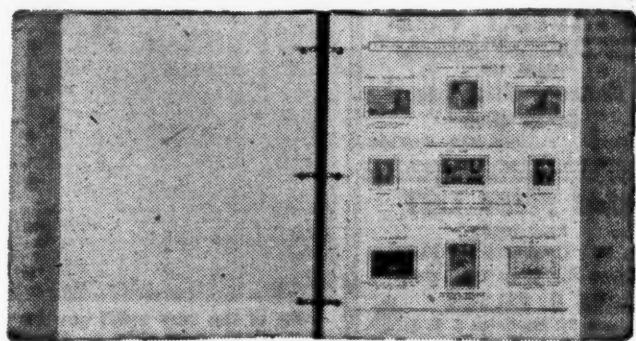
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BRAZIL — Two stamps have been issued by this country. One, a \$1.20 brown adhesive, issued on May 8, commemorates the centenary of the birth of Aarao Reis, an engineer. The second, issued on May 10, a \$1.50 stamp pictures the Frigate Saldanha da Gama.

CAMBODIA — Four airmail stamps, all of the same design, and all inscribed "Kinnari", have been issued. Values and colors are: 50c green; \$3.00 green, brown and yellow; \$3.30 purple and \$5.10 red, brown and yellow.

CHILE — Five stamps have been issued, in commemoration of the fourth centenary of the day of Valdivia. The \$1, blue, shows a coat of arms; \$2, purple, pictures a fortification; \$3 green, shows a river view; \$5, brown, shows a view of a town and the \$10 reddish-brown, airmail, pictures a tower.

HAITI — A seven value set of stamps was issued on May 4, picturing various projects instituted by President Paul E. Maroire. A 5c green, pictures a nursery; 10c red, pictures road construction. Airmail values are: 20c blue; 30c brown; \$1.50 black; \$2.50 purple. A 25c orange, special delivery stamp, pictures the post office.

JORDAN — An airmail set is to be issued of the following denominations: 5f, 10f, 25f, 35f and 40f.

MEXICO — On May 8 a three value set of stamps was issued in commemoration of the second centenary of the birth of Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, a priest, often called the "Father of Independence". The 20c brown, has a portrait of Hidalgo. Two airmail stamps, 25c and 35c red-brown and blue, and green, respectively, picture sculptured portraits.

NORWAY — On June 1 a semi-postal stamp, 30 plus 10 ore, red on yellow, is to be issued. The surtax is to go to the National League Against Cancer. The stamp was designed by J. Haukland and printed by the photo-gravure process by Emil Moestue.

**Cachet Pictures
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The Syracuse Women's Stamp Club will sponsor a special cachet showing a line drawing of the old Conklin grist mill (1793) in the original town of Pompey, Onondaga County, New York. This large town was later subdivided into several smaller ones. The site of the old mill is in the present community of LaFayette, from which the cachets will be mailed.

Information regarding this old grist mill exchange postoffice was obtained by Mrs. Mason Berry, of Maple Hill Farm, LaFayette. The line drawing of the mill, used for the cachet, was made by her daughter, Mrs. D. B. Frank, from an old photograph owned by Mrs. Berry.

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In our lead article March 30, the destination of America's first H.P.O. should of course have been given as Harrisonburg, Va., not Pa.; and the date of establishment of Britain's first T.P.O. as 1838, not 1888. In "Street-Car R.P.O.'s" on Page 13, delete reference to possible Street R.P.O. in Kansas City and Lincoln, as latest reports show these car routes were almost positively closed-pouch services. Our item about Secretary Dick Bush (bottom of p. 16) should have read that he "is now organizing our HPO and RPO over-swapping exchange" into full operation. In "R.P.O. Situation," Page 13, "Alabama" and "Alhambra" should both have read "Albany."

The drastic cut in R.P.O. service from over 2,000 routes to little over 600 today has greatly affected, unfavorably, the speed and efficiency with which our mails are now delivered; and our excellent new H.P.O.'s have restored service to only a small fraction of these routes. Most R.P.O. "casualties" have been branch lines and secondary trunk lines where the railroads have withdrawn all passenger trains. But in recent years, the past Administration has unfortunately arbitrarily removed R.P.O. service from important routes where morning passenger trains still run, as indicated in Lloyd Wilsey's telling article on Page 1 of March 30—which we urge every reader to study and act upon!

Ben L. Cash of Colorado Springs, Colo., now retired from collecting, was one of the first to collect RPO's and was said to have then had the largest collection in America. Two of his distinguished successors of today are Dr. Carroll Chase (AMERPO 48), specialist-writer on French R.P.O.; and S. G. Hulse (AMERPO 11) who wrote Linn's R.P.O. column. "AMERPO" is now enrolling new members in all parts of the Americas, one of the newest being Evard F. Aguilar (AMERPO 181), philatelic publisher and dealer of Kingston, Jamaica, British West Indies.

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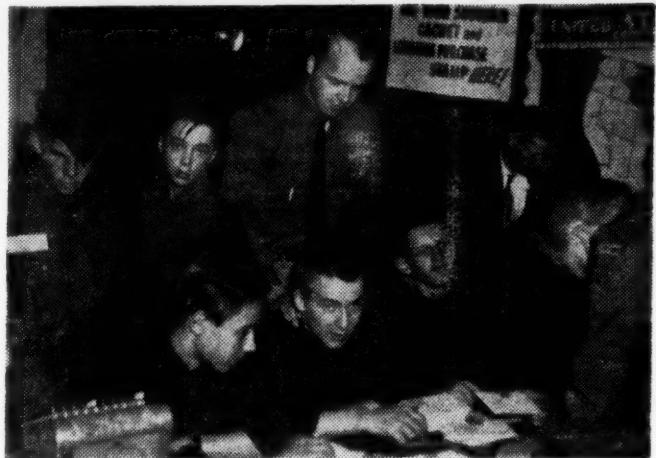
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THEY WON A BLUE RIBBON FOR IT. At Minneapolis' annual Scout-O-Rama, where the Boy Scouts exhibit, and sometimes sell various items pertaining to their activities, Roy Swanson's troop again reverted to philately to raise the necessary wherewithal to finance their annual trip to the land of the "Hodag". The boys bought their own slogan die, prepared and printed their own cachet, many of which were ordered through the mail by Linn readers, and did the affixing of the Louisiana Purchase stamp and addressing. Some of the boys who worked on the project are shown above. Incidentally, the Hodag is a mysterious, never-seen creature which inhabits Scout summer camps and does all kinds of queer and sometimes embarrassing things. Photo, Bob Fredell

Serebrakian Sale For Average Collector

The average collector will have his "hey-day" June 9 to 11 when S. Serebrakian, 15 Park Row, New York City, opens a three day public auction session literally tailor-made for the masses who, for financial reasons if none other, can find little personal interest in stamps bringing prices in four and five figures.

This sale is scheduled to begin at 2 p. m. each day. Included are two exceptionally large general collections which have been broken into 300 lots, of collections by country, and cover nearly every corner of the globe.

There is a first day cover from Egypt bearing the complete four-value Port Fuad set and, for the China specialist, fine copies of the 1912 Postage Due. There are some truly unique items in the Airmail, Americana and Universal Postal Union sections, but in general this offering is made up of material of wide general interest, both 19th and 20th Century, including many old classics.

There are 100 lots of United States, 300 of the British Empire, 200 Airmails and 200 covering UPU, Americana and United Nations. The packet section is large as is that devoted to Wholesale.

The catalog has been sent to those on the mailing list. Others will receive a free copy upon request to the address above.

Birthday Party For New York Topicalists

The New York area chapter, American Topical Association, will hold a first anniversary party, June 12 at 7:30 p. m. at the Railroad YMCA 224 E. 47th St., in New York City. Besides a number of surprise events of a philatelic nature, there will be refreshments.

Fred Barovick will install the following newly-elected chapter officers: president, Allyn H. Wright; vice president, Charles Powers; secretary, Mrs. Grace E. Batchelder; treasurer, Otto Rosenwald.

Other meetings will be held at the above address on July 10 and August 14. Visitors are always welcome.

Information on The American Topical Association, or on the New York area chapter, is available from Allyn H. Wright, 469 W. 166th St., New York 32, N. Y.

Specialized Catalog For Trieste A & B
A new specialized catalog of the stamps of Trieste A and B Zones is being distributed by P. Ostrow, P. O. Box 121, Elizabeth, N. J. Price is \$1.00.

The catalog, which forms one of a series being sponsored by Italo Pergolesi supplements the Italian and Vatican City catalogs which have already appeared. Although written in Italian, it is profusely illustrated and easy to follow. It lists AMG-FTT overprints, the issues of the Yugoslav Occupation of Istria, Trieste and Fiume, the AMG-FTT overprints, and the stamps of Trieste's B Zone.

Errors and varieties are extensively chronicled, and full date is given regarding date of issue, period of postal validity, number of stamps issued. A special section lists and prices first-day covers.

Top Auction Prices For Lagerloef Items

A continuation of the extreme interest that attended the first Colonel Hans Lagerloef auction resulted in the second portion of the collection bringing \$57,772.25, when it was sold by H. R. Harmer, Inc. May 11 through 15.

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B61	.05	.05	B218	.04	.05	IN23	.30	.03	IN41	.90	—
B62	.10	.10	B219	.04	.05	IN16	.10	.08	IN35	.04	—
B63	.10	.10	B220	.04	.05	IN18	.04	.02	IN36	.07	—
B64	.15	.08	B229	.08	—	IN18	.04	.02	IN37	.03	—
B65	.04	.04	B234	.03	.04	IN19	.08	.03	IN38	.12	—
B66	.04	.04	B235	.06	.07	IN20	.12	.05	IN39	.05	—
B67	.04	.04	B236	.06	.10	IN21	.06	.03	IN40	.07	—
B68	.04	.04	B237	.06	.07	IN22	.08	.03	IN41	.08	—
B69	.04	.04	B238	.06	.07	IN23	.08	.03	IN42	.08	—
B70	.05	.05	B239	.06	.07	IN24	.08	.03	IN43	.08	—
B71	.04	.04	B240	.06	.07	IN25	.08	.03	IN44	.08	—
B72	.04	.04	B241	.06	.07	IN26	.08	.03	IN45	.08	—
B73	.04	.04	B242	.06	.07	IN27	.08	.03	IN46	.08	—
B74	.04	.04	B243	.06	.07	IN28	.08	.03	IN47	.08	—
B75	.04	.04	B244	.06	.07	IN29	.08	.03	IN48	.08	—
B76	.04	.04	B245	.06	.07	IN30	.08	.03	IN49	.08	—
B77	.04	.04	B246	.06	.07	IN31	.08	.03	IN50	.08	—
B78	.04	.04	B247	.06	.07	IN32	.08	.03	IN51	.08	—
B79	.04	.04	B248	.06	.07	IN33	.08	.03	IN52	.08	—
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B93	.04	.04	B262	.06	.07	IN47	.08	.03	IN66	.08	—
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B102	.04	.04	B271	.06	.07	IN56	.08	.03	IN75	.08	—
B103	.04	.04	B272	.06	.07	IN57	.08	.03	IN76	.08	—</td